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This book chronicles the author's experiences managing his son's wildly unpredictable Little League baseball team, exploring the pleasures and pitfalls of adult involvement in Little League, a game played by, and meant for, children. The book examines timely issues surrounding youth baseball today. Through interviews with parents, opposing coaches, major league players, and celebrity Little League fathers (e.g., Bruce Springsteen), the book examines the father/son dynamic and explores both undue pressure and unexpected rewards. It investigates the phenomenon of Little League rage, where disputes on and off the diamond have led to assaults, arrests, and litigation. It ponders why baseball lost favor among so many American children but now seems to be on the comeback trail. (SM)

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